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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 5th  
Time: 8:00 P.M.

This will be a Joint meeting of the  
1949 and 1950 Boards

### Front Cover

Rosalie Cox whose sketch appears on the front cover is a member of the MHA Juniors. Her hobbies are horses and drawing. Rosalie is bedridden, a victim of rheumatic fever. She has never had drawing lessons.

## PRESIDENT JIM'S MESSAGE

During the past year MHA has seen a strong development in cementing our relations with city officials and the public at large. As a result of work started last year, we had our second horse show in the arena and the finest pre-horse show parade in downtown Oakland. Next year under the leadership of the new Board of Directors and Officers of MHA we will see further evidence of the progress made this past year. Each and every one of you members has contributed in some way to this steady growth whether it was a bit of constructive criticism at Open Forums, helping repair trails, selling hot dogs at the horse show or lending a helping hand whenever needed. All of these acts have contributed to the steady growth of MHA during the past year.

I am mighty proud of the fact that MHA is the largest organized horsemen's association in California, and, as your president, I have urged each one of you to express your views on MHA. Many of you have made constructive and helpful suggestions, which, I hope, have been digested and put to use to better the organization.

This year we have had wonderful cooperation from the Oakland City Police Department. All of you who watched the pre-horse show street parade were thrilled by the wonderful display put on by the Motorcycle Drill Team. Through their assistance the Juniors were escorted to and from local parades with the greatest safety. Twelve police officers guarded your safety at the horse show and field day. An ambulance was ready to serve in case of emergency. Our thanks to the Oakland Park Board for its helpful and friendly efforts to improve the Sequoia Park Arena. Although they did not have sufficient funds they were able by cutting here and there to provide a permanent fencing for the arena and grading which made the arena spacious and better suited for horse shows. Next year, through the Park Board's efforts we hope to see the completion of the parking areas and roads and the turfing of the ring.

Our thanks to the Regional Park Directors and manager, Richard Walpole, for making possible the enjoyment of horse trails throughout the Park area.

I point with great pride to the progress in the development of the MHA Juniors. The Juniors were organized by Chris Hansen, former Director, and the work was carried on and great strides made under the able guidance of Kay Walling who worked tirelessly to bring the Juniors to their present fine standing. However, don't forget that Kay was backed to the hilt by her genial husband George. Together Kay and George have put the Juniors on the map and next year you will be hearing and seeing even more of this group of junior members.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here and now I want to say that George Walling put on the finest show MHA has ever had. Conditions at the arena were on the rugged side but that didn't stop George from his aim of a fine show for MHA. It was due to his drive and unfailing faith that MHA could have an outstanding even despite odds.

Our hearty thanks to Si Simons and his able committee who put on the finest MHA dinner dance I have ever attended in my years of affiliation with MHA.

To wind up the year's list of accomplishments, I want to thank each Director, Officer and member for his or her part in helping to build MHA. Get behind your new Board and Officers by supporting them at the Open Forums which were instituted for your benefit, support the events your Activities Committee plans for your enjoyment, ride the trails, and serve on the committees where you feel best qualified. Your association is only as good as you make it. Start by paying your 1950 dues now.

Best of luck for the next year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:** Clarence A. Simons, Chairman, reports that the following events were held:

The Annual Spring Dance at the Tourist Club in March brought out a large crowd.

In April, 250 horsemen attended the dedication of the York Trail. A trail ride from Portuguese Flat to the Piedmont Race Track was followed by breakfast and field events.

The annual George Daniels Day was held in August with 360 out for a trail ride and field day events in the Sequoia Park. The entire MHA thanks Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels for the delicious lunch.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Eddie Carey, Chairman. Relations with the public and with our city, county, and state officials have been very satisfactory this year. The chairman states that this is principally due to the fact

that our President, Jim Myers, along with all of his other duties, gave much of his valuable time to personally seeing that our organization had the help, well-wishes and cooperation of the citizens of this region.

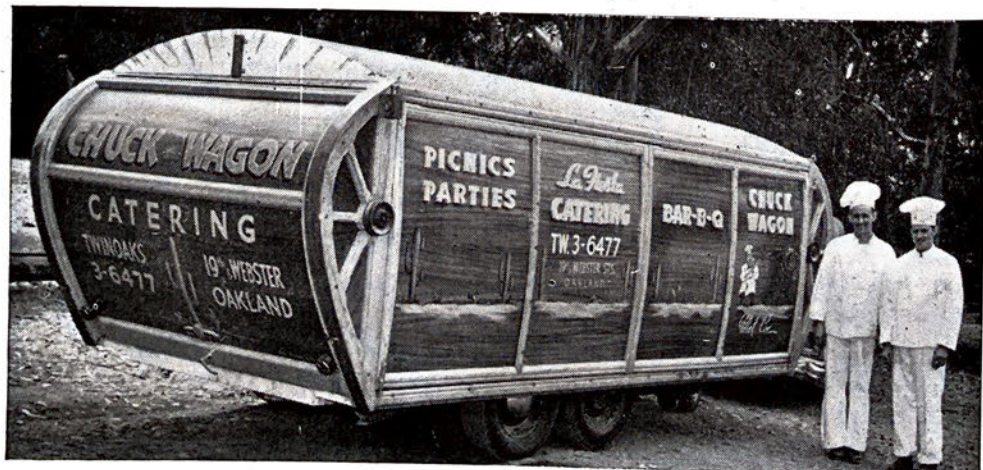
**TRAILS COMMITTEE:** A. B. Graham, Chairman. No report could adequately describe the vast amount of time spent by the Trails Committee in working on trail problems. Thanks to Bill Senecal, gates and trails in the vicinity of Mills College were improved. With his own labor and money, Sidney Chown improved trails in the Diamond Canyon, Park Boulevard, and Green Barn areas.

Real credit is accorded Richard E. Walpole, and his assistants Tom Flood and Wes Adams, for improvement of Regional Park trails.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Ted Dreyer, Chairman, announced that the following had been elected to the Board of Directors for 1950: James Myers, Heber Brown, Charles Gray, Kay Walling, Clarence Simons, George Daniels, Walter Grondona, Harold Cummings, John Thiel, Mabel Smith, Bud Vogel, Dave Jones, Joe Stern, Deane Burton.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Heber Brown, Chairman. A new type of contest to boost membership was followed. Members desiring to enter the contest declared their intention and points were awarded for each Senior and Junior new member or renewal. Jim Myers donated four beautiful sterling silver belt buckles which were presented to the winners, Mr. Lombardi, Mary Gale, and Kay Walling, at the Annual Dinner.

This year there were 395 renewals, 100 new members, and 205 Juniors, totaling 700 paid-up members. Although we had 213 new members last year, we had a higher number of renewals which indicates that old members were interested in MHA. The Membership Committee consisted of Mrs. Elsa Himmelman, Blanche Paul, Willis Nuttall, and Mary Gale.



## ANNUAL DINNER

Three hundred members thoroughly enjoyed the annual dinner dance on December 2 at the Moose City Club.

The meeting was opened by Activity Chairman Clarence A. Simons and then turned over to President Jim Myers who introduced the honored guests and their wives: Vice-Mayor and Councilman Scott Weakley, Councilman Raymond Pease, Councilman Frank Youell, Ernest Rossi, Director Oakland Park Board; Lynn Harris, Assistant Superintendent Oakland Park Department; Jack Collier, City Attorney; Lester J. Divine, Chief of Police; Richard Walpole, Manager Regional Parks; Captain Fred Barbeau and Lieutenant William McMurray of the Oakland Police Department. Expressions of regret at not being able to attend the dinner were received from Mayor Clifford Rishell and Sheriff Jack Gleason.

Following words of greeting and the president's message, awards in appreciation for fine work done during the year were presented to Jim Myers, George Walling, and Blanche Paul. For their participation in the MHA parade, a beautiful trophy was presented to Lieutenant McMurray representing the Oakland Mounted Motorcycle Drill Team.

George Harney spoke on the value of the MHA to members and community.

Special future awards announced were:

1. For the Junior securing the greatest number of memberships by January 30, western shirt and pants donated by Frank Kelly.
2. For the most outstanding Junior in 1950, a head stall and Visalia humane bit, donated through the courtesy of Art Hill.
3. Stan Cosca announced that through the generosity of Mrs. Lena Stefani and Lorenza Stefani of the Skline Kitchen, all tips would be given to the Juniors' Fund.

The splendid work done by Mrs. Lucille Simons as General Chairman, Mrs. Kay Walling in charge of tickets, and Mrs. Jim Myers Decorations Chairman, and the work done by all the faithful committee members, was responsible for the best annual MHA dinner to date. Full tables of the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, Aahmes Mounted Patrol, MHA Juniors, Footprinters, Castro Valley Horsemen's Association, Boots and Jeans, Skyline Ranch, Piedmont Stables, Pinto Stables and many other groups expressed the enthusiasm of loyal MHA members.

Everyone had a wonderful time!

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**Profit and Loss Statement**

<b>Income</b>	
Trails .....	\$ 330.50
Trail Blazer .....	2,430.15
Activities .....	441.12
Membership .....	1,655.00
Horse Show .....	6,093.15
Miscellaneous .....	123.25
Total .....	\$11,073.17

<b>Expense</b>	
Trails .....	127.77
Trail Blazer .....	2,762.08
Activities .....	325.76
Membership .....	657.70
Horse Show .....	5,944.32
Miscellaneous .....	1,158.82

Total.....\$10,976.45

Net Profit ..... 96.72

**Balance Sheet**

Bank .....	276.96
Accounts Receivable .....	1,330.10
Accounts Payable .....	218.42
Surplus .....	1,388.64

**HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Myers at 8:15. Four directors were absent. Due to the fact that there was a full agenda, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were omitted.

The first item on the evening's agenda was the problem of a more democratic way to handle nominations of Directors. President Myers expressed the need for wider representation of groups and stables which comprise the association. The only way to provide representation of public stables is to change the present policy. Because MHA represents many groups, public stables, private stables, horse owners and organized groups, each of these should be represented on the Board. Each public stable cannot be represented individually each year, but these stables might jointly present a nominee. Mr. Myers suggested that at the last Open Forum in September that an election committee be appointed which shall contact members and organizations and ask for names of persons whom they feel would serve on the Board. A deadline date should be set. The names of the candidates should be printed in alphabetical order, the 14 names receiving the highest number of votes would

be declared elected and announced at the Annual Dinner. It was suggested that the By-Laws be amended to provide for this system of election.

Heber Brown moved that starting with Article II of the By-Laws that wherever the terminology "Executive Committee" appears it be changed to read "Board of Directors" and that Article IV of the By-Laws be amended to read:

**ARTICLE IV**

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members between the Open Forum meeting in September and the Annual Dinner in December in the following manner:

a. The president shall appoint, at or prior to the September Open Forum meeting, an election committee.

b. A general notice shall be sent to the membership to the effect that nominations are open.

c. The election committee shall compile the names of all nominees received except that such lists shall not contain more than one name from any one horsemen's organization within M.H.A.

d. The election committee shall cause a copy of the list of nominees so compiled, to be sent to each member in the form of a ballot, with instructions to vote for the number to be elected to the Board of Directors.

e. Said votes shall be returned to, or collected by the election committee which committee shall thereupon count the votes and report to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons who have been thus selected and those persons shall compose the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Immediately following the election of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall meet and elect from their own number, the officers of the Association who shall hold office until the ensuing year and until the election and qualification of their successors. Seconded. So ordered.

Treasurer Pray presented a financial report as of November 30, 1949. Mr. Pray stated that there were unauthorized ads in the Trail Blazer amounting to \$165 which should be written off the books. Mr. Chown moved that these unauthorized accounts be written off the books. Seconded, so ordered. Mr. Pray presented unpaid bills. Mr. Simons moved that the bills be paid, Seconded, so ordered. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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## Junior Activities

Seventy-six MHA Juniors and their guests, the Concord Flying Horsemen had a wonderful evening at the Hayseed Hop in November. Serving on committees were: Arleen Adams, Jean Smith, Betty Lovisone, Ronnie Dunnaway, Phebe Brown, Janet Philips. Mel Coe of La Fiesta kindly prepared the food. Pies, milk and butter were donated generously by S & S Bakery and Golden State.

Mrs. Walling and Messrs. Flanagan, Barnard, Cameron, Cummings, and Adams all helped with the heavy work.

The Juniors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Grondona at their Pleasanton ranch on daughter Walleen's birthday. A day of riding, games, delicious food, and roping stunts by Loretta Cosca, provided fun.

Jack Philips, L. B. Flanagan, and Johnny Curry prepared postholes for the new ring. Cotton Feliz, Bill Barnard, Ronnie Dunnaway, and Don Flanagan put in a work day assisted by the girls who provided the food.

**NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2:00 O'CLOCK AT MRS. HIMMELMAN'S.**

### Shongehon Junior Show

Children from the DeFremery Home and Miss Vera Benglenova were honor guests at the 11th Annual Shongehon Junior Show in October. Ringside boxes and refreshments were provided the guests who participated in an event. The First Riding Lesson.

Judges selected from Upson Downs were: Barbara Bangs, Jumping; Lorraine Harris, equitation; Pat Gorie, gymkhana events. Officials were: Earl Hansen, ring master; James Boswell, announcer; Judy Benford, clerk; Julie Laub, music; Virginia Abel, paddock clerk. Casey Elliott, Janet McKenzie, Vandra Rosendahl, Joyce Williams, Priscilla Meyer, served on the Horse Show Committee.

Results were: Elementary jumping (1) Nina Curley, Kyack; (2) Jo Ann Schetter, Adobe; (3) Lynn Cuttle, Stonewall. Jumpers: (1) Windy Smith, Gold Cargo; (2) Janet Scott, Duffle Bag; (3) Linda Lorimer, Co-ed Amber. Subaltern Championship Equitation: Perpetual trophy won by Wilda Rosendahl on Valentine; Reserve Championship to Vandra Rosendahl on Adobe. Shongehon Championship Equitation was won by Wilda Rosendahl; Reserve, by Priscilla Meyer. Musical Stalls, open to Pegasus Patrol: (1) Sally Schetter, Indian; (2) Frankie Dewey, Stonewall; (3) Bonnie Banker, Co-ed Amber.

Teams of Fours was won by Subalterns Ann Burnham, Nina Curley, Linda Lorimer, Deon Stenzel, mounted on Indian, Mischief, Trinity Tim and Elko. Shongehons Joyce Williams, and Nina Curley won the Little

Red Hen event. Flagola, or how to play polo at Cressmount, was won by Pat Gorie, Lorraine Harris, Virginia Abel and Barbara Bangs, mounted on Killarney, Duffle Bag, Kyack, and Valentine.

Championship for the Tri-Way event went to Peggy Day mounted on Indian, while the reserve Championship went to Ann Conwell on Killarney. A precision drill by the Shongehon Drill Team was most colorful.

Pat Brandes received the Award of Merit for the year, having contributed most to Shongehon during the year.

### Subalterns

Newly elected officers of Subalterns Riding Group are: Peggy Day, president; Wilda Rosendahl, secretary; Karen Anderson, treasurer. Newly initiated members are: Idelle Buckley, Ann Burnham, Nina Curley, Lynn Cuttle, Jeffery Hardin, Helaine Jones, Connie Reims, Deon Stenzel, Susan Tucker, Bonnie Bothwell, Lucy McCarty, Sandra Sheldon, Linda Willoughby. Mary Lou Hutton is advisor and instructor for the club.

To work off that full Thanksgiving feeling on November 25, Subalterns and Shongehon participated in an informal gymkhana under the leadership of Peggy Day and Ann Conwell.

### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday afternoon, January 8**

**12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MATINEE**

at Cressmount Stables. Public cordially invited to attend this rollicking frolic.

**Saturday night, January 28**

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## STALLING AROUND WITH THE ROVING REPORTER

### Oakland Stables

Latest additions to Oakland Stable's stalls are La Verne Gabrielson and her lovely saddlebred, Belwin's Chief. Johnny Shumaker turned his grey mare out to pasture and brought in a nice Thoroughbred colt, Mr. Skylark to board.

Johnny Shumaker, Ed Hill and Gertrude Potter have made a nice showing in jumping and equitation classes in local shows. Jim Melton is stabling his bay colt, Little Bit, at Oakland. Little Bit was shown in local shows by Lynda Landsborough. That lovely saddlebred, Keys, formerly owned by Jane Wood, is now owned by Sam Shapero; Sam also owns Prince Noble Supreme. One of the new comers to Oakland, Beverly Stein, frequently rides Keys. Beverly is a member of Brigadiers.

### Big Bear Stables

It's good to see George Floyd up and around again after an illness of two months.

Cal Erwin has traded his sorrel, Sweetheart, for a sorrel gelding, Sonny. Proudest man at the stables is Mr. Keene, sporting a hand-tooled saddle from Alturas.

### Green Barn Notes

Krist Gudnason has recently stabled his trick horse Colonel at the Green Barn. Colonel performs 35 tricks.

Miss Winifred Porter and her mount Spun Silk are recent arrivals at the Barn. Spun Silk was sired by Iban Arab; the dam, Cimmarron Belle.

George Daniels attended the convention of American Galloway Breeders' Association in Chicago in December. George is a member of the Board of Directors and was the first to import the famous Galloway cattle to California from Scotland.

### Pinto Ranch News

Barbara Albert, Pinto Ranch reporter relates that while horses grow long coats anticipating winter, sunshine still brings out the new boarders to groom and exercise their horses.

Recently registered at the Pinto are: Leo Raschdor, president Chapter Seven, Oakland Footprint Association, Nick Nickels, Wally Perry, Charles Barnard, Bill Joseph, Gene Eurick, Ronnie Dunniway, Eddie Silva, Clarence Tallarico, Bill Barnard, Mr. Hageman, Mr. Hedges, and Marion MacDonald. Marion MacDonald is an accomplished bareback rider and Bill Barnard is breaking his own stock horse.

Here's the best of luck to Gene Eurick—may he discard those crutches soon.

Pinto's rent string has been enlarged and is now owned by Louis Albert and Bruce Orcutt.

### Piedmont Stables

Arranged by Bill Patten, a breakfast ride was recently enjoyed by thirty-five Piedmont boarders and their friends.

The Pattens, on vacation, spent a day at the Republic Studio lot as the guests of Roy Rogers and visited the star's training stables. Linda Patten was photographed with Roy, Dale Evans, and Phantom, the Husky who will star in a new movie.

Harold Knudsen has purchased Sir Socks, thoroughbred sorrel gelding. Sir Socks was sired by Final Appeal, was trained by Greg Lougher, and has won many ribbons. Bob Boyette purchased a saddle-bred stallion.

Clark Hall, Roy Raphael, Sr., Roy Raphael, Jr., and Mitch Robbins are new boarders at the Piedmont.

### B - S Stables

Resting from their strenuous season of Square Dancing on Horseback are Vi Sshumacher and Bud Vogel.

Betty Lucille Welch, aged 4, rides from the B-S. Sign her up Juniors.

### Snow-Clark Stables

Barbara Snow Clark and John Clark have established a good string of horses at their stable at 98th Avenue and Mountain Boulevard. Excellent trail riding is provided through the Zoo Garden grounds.

Allen McAllister of Maine, is now breaking, training, and schooling horses here. He also trains trick horses.

### Miss Graham's

Things have been humming around here with everyone taking advantage of the gorgeous fall weather.

Mrs. Harrison Davis and Mrs. John Wyman are again riding; Lois Blume and Beth Pedersen are students and regular riders as is Sally Reed on Star Dust. An Oakland Technical High School group rides every Thursday afternoon under the leadership of Mark Hamilton.

Absent for the past weeks and missed by riders and horses, are assistants Lynn and Midge, who have been ill.

A new boarder is Daddy Long Legs, purchased by Sue Bolinder. Sue is being coached by Mr. Hall. Jackie Boy, owned by Donald Drysdale, has returned to the stable. Major, a large black horse, was purchased by Mr. Howard Young.

A welcome presence here these busy days is our neighbor Mrs. Lillian Hoffman, known to us all as "Hoffie". She has been presiding over the eating department and cooked a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving Day. Daughter Barbara has been helping by exercising horses.

Patricia Popejoy is now a regular rider here and Pete Palmer of Alameda has been exercising Godolphin, the white registered Arabian stud owned by Mr. Russell King.

## Skyline Ranch

"Skyline Kitchen" which opened on November twelfth is already a popular rendezvous for horsemen and friends. The kitchen remains open until 8 p.m.

Earl Nanninga's Saddle Shop is filled with attractive equipment, and the Skyline "smithy" Carl Hansen is busy at work. Road, drainage, and landscape work are nearly completed and mud and dust are things of the past.

Stanley Cosca, the ranch's proud owner, while busy at his grocery store during the day, spends all of his extra time at the ranch and hopes someday to spend all of his time with Jim and the horses.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Posse with headquarters at the ranch, are relaxing after a busy summer of drills and horse-shows. On week-ends one can always find some of the gang swapping western stories and making plans for more good times next summer.

Frank and Elsie Xavier have moved their horses to their new ranch near Walnut Creek.

### Lew Helm's Stables

Although this is the first time the boarders from Lew Helm's stables have been heard from, in looking back over the year they have been very active and the jumping horses have done well in shows.

High-C, owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Conner, has won seven blue ribbons and equally as many red and yellow ribbons in jumper classes. Twink, with a fine show record for the year, modestly attends to her regular job as a good pleasure horse.

Burma Road, owned by Sylvia King has gathered ribbons in Working Hunter Classes and won the mile Steeplechase at Oakdale with Lew Helms as the jockey.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Marquis' Fathers' Day, Dr. John Blemmer's Charlan, and Wee Hope and Hermanita owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson, were at the stable for training and well rewarded their owners with trophies and ribbons.

High Ball, owned by Mrs. Virginia Chandler, performed excellently as a mountain horse at Tahoe.

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## ORGANIZED GROUPS

**AT CRESSMOUNT:** Fall activities at Cressmount started with the popular Riders' Rally on Sunday, October 9. This show is one in which all clubs at Cressmount participate, namely: Pegasus Patrol, 12 years and under; Upson Downs, adult advanced group; Shongehon, High-school; Subalterns, apprentice group to Shongehon; Bit and Spur from Mills College; Remounts, apprentice group to Bit and Spur.

Officials were: ring master, Earl Hansen; announcer, James Boswell; paddock clerk, Win Johnson; ribbon clerk, Barbara Labarthe; director, Miss Cornelia Cress. Judges were selected from advanced riders belonging to various clubs. Free admission was enjoyed by family and friends relaxing during humorous and skillful events. Under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pickler assisted by Jean Curley, Julie Laub, Judy Benford and Mrs. Dan Markowitz, luncheon was served to participants and friends. In charge of finances for the day was Mrs. Juanita Gray.

Results: Jumpers: (1) John Thiel, Duffle Bag; (2) Lorraine Lacerda, Peter Patch; (3) Bob McCarty, Gold Cargo; (4) Juanita Gray, Alimony Bay. Jumpers under 16: (1) Wilda Rosendahl, Indian; (2) Karen Anderson, Gold Cargo; English Trail Class: (1) Vandra Rosendahl, Elko; (2) Nina Curley, Michief; (3) Jackie Pickler, Brandy's Bouquet; (4) Peggy Day, Rum Punch. Off To The Show Relay, a hilarious event was won by Upson Downs team. Saddle Horses, Pairs: mother and child to ride: (1) Mrs. D. A. Scott and Janet Scott mounted on Stonewall and Kyack; (2) Mrs. Don Blessing and Sherrill Blessing on Irish Bank and Elko. Balloon Contest between Bit and Spur and Remounts, won by Charlotte Baldwin, Barbara Lang, Zelda Montgomery and Betty Sheppard. Pony Express won by Bit & Spur team; Betty Yaw, Sally Moyer and Charlotte Baldwin. Western Trail Horses: (1) Win Johnson, Elko; (2) Barbara Bangs, Indian. Teams of Three Working Hunters won by Bit & Spur; Liz Schohr, Betty Yaw and Charlotte Baldwin. Equitation, Pegasus Patrol; (1) Katie Dewey, Co-ed Amber; (2) Frances Dewey, Valentine; (3) Phyllis Dexter, Irish Bank; Three Legged Relay won by Subalterns: Connie Reim, Linnell Powers and Ann Burnham assisted by Indian. Pleasure Horses, Pairs: (1) Dede Brandes and Peggy Day riding Adobe and Gold Cargo. Double Bareback Musical Kegs won by Judy Benford and Earl Hansen on El Toro.

**UPSON DOWNS:** Upson Downs members have a unique system of changing officers every three months, this system gives more persons an opportunity to be active in the club's management.

New officers are: co-ordinator, Pat Gorie; secretary, Julie Laub, and treasurer, Virginia Abel, Earl Hansen has been instructing Upson Downs the past few months and

is responsible for many novel ideas along with an interesting, lively class. Earl is well known for his outstanding horsemanship and fine instruction so Upson Downs count themselves fortunate to have Earl as instructor.

Members are: Virginia Abel, Barbara Bangs, Bud Bahnsen, Judy Benford, Jim Boswell, Mary Gale, Pat Gorie, Juanita Gray Alice Holbrook, Win Johnson John and Phyllis Thiel, Lorraine Harris, Jim Peterson, Hale Preble, Rose Kraft, Frieda Renner, Windy Smith and Bob White.

**BIT AND SPUR:** Bit and Spur is made up of enthusiastic riders from Mills College under direction of Miss Cornelia Cress. Officers are: president, Betty Yaw; secretary, Harriet Harper; treasurer, Charlotte Baldwin and publicity, Sally Moyer.

Members from last semester: Betty Yaw, Sally Moyer, Charlotte Baldwin, Harriet Harper, Liz Schohr and Zoe Desloges.

On Tuesday, December 6th, Gail Martin, Betty Sheppard, Mary Alice Turner, Ann Milligan and Jo White were initiated into the club after grueling ceremonies.

**BOOTS AND JEANS:** For the outstanding "Square Dance on Horseback" in Sacramento, the Boots and Jeans were awarded a handsome trophy. Leading the colors for a Grand Entry at the Cow Palace, were Babe Lampton, Lefty Bowers, and Charlie Barnard.

Bill Quinn, Jerry and Neal Sikes and Leroy Lampton won the costume prizes at the October meeting. Mrs. Irene Hines won the turkey door-prize at the basket lunch in November.

**LARI-ETTES:** Guests at the opening of the Hayward Buckaroos' clubhouse and arena, the Lari-ettes enjoyed the festivities, and their Color Guard took part in a television program.

The Drill Team took honors in the Armistice Day Parade. Among winners at the Cow Palace were: Genvea Menicucci, fourth in Palomino Class, eighth in Stake Race on High Heels; Joan Munson, fourth in Trail Class on Cindy Lou. At the Woodside show Norma Burton took first riding Idiot's Delight.

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